

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Vincente Javier BENEDÍ BENITO, et al.

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For: MOLECULAR METHODS FOR DETECTING GUAR GUM ADDITIONS TO LOCUST
BEAN GUM

Examiner: Shakeel Ahmed

COMMUNICATION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is noted that the Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 months from the earliest claims priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) was included with the initial filing papers Nov. 8, 2001, and it is believed that no additional surcharge is due at the present time.

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

- () By a small entity (§1.9(f))\$ 55.00
() By other than a small entity\$ 110.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

- () By a small entity (§1.9(f))\$ 200.00
(X) By other than a small entity\$ 400.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

- () By a small entity (§1.9(f))\$ 460.00
() By other than a small entity\$ 920.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

- () By a small entity (§1.9(f))\$ 720.00
() By other than a small entity\$ 1,440.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$440.00 to cover the extension fee and assignment recordal is enclosed.

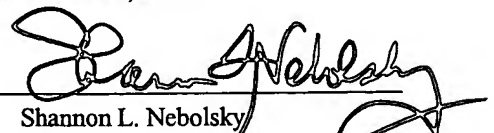
() Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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